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SUBJECT: INDO-SOVIET S AND T AGREEMENT

1. GOI PRESS RELEASE ON THE SIGNING OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: PRESS RELEASE - AN AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDIA AND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, USSR WAS SIGNED IN NEW DELHI ON THE 18TH FEBRUARY, 1975 BY DR. A. RAMACHANDRAN, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FROM THE INDIAN SIDE AND ACADEMICIAN A.P. VENOGADOV, (SIC) VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY FROM THE USSR SIDE.

2. " THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC DELEGATIONS, INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS, BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA AND JOINT RESEARCH WORK ON PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. IT ALSO COVERS EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION. THE AGREEMENT

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IS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED

FOR FURTHER PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS UNLESS TERMINATED BY EITHER SIDE.

3. ALTHOUGH SOME LIMITED PROGRAMMES OF COOPERATION AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA AND INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE SOVIET ACADEMY HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE 1968, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO WITH THE SOVIET ACADEMY. THE SOVIET ACADEMY IS A PRESTIGIOUS BODY WHICH HAS UNDER IT A GREAT NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND LABORATORIES IN THE USSR E.G. SHEMAKIN INSTITUTE FOR CHEMISTRY OF NATURAL PRODUCTS, MOSCOW; GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE OF THE UKRAINIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, KIEV; INSTITUTE OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY, MOSCOW; LANDAU INSTITUTE OF THERORETICAL PHYSICS, MOSCOW; ETC. THE AGREEMENT WILL FURTHER STIMULATE AND PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES/ INSTITUTIONS AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON INDIAN SIDE AND BY THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON THE SOVIET SIDE. UNQUOTE.

4. TEXT OF S AND T AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT READY AVAILABLE. A DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICIAL WILL TRY TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT FOR S AND T COUNSELOR. IF AND WHEN RECEIVED WE WILL POUCH IT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. PRESS REPORTS OF A MEETING OF VINOGRADOV, AND DR. B.P. PAL, PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE, WITH SCIENCE WRITERS STATE AREAS OF RESEARCH COOPERATION INCLUDE COTTON, BIOLOGICAL FIXATION OF NITROGEN, MEDICINAL PLANTS, STATISTICS, PLASMA PHYSICS, LOWER TEMPERATURE PHYSICS, CRYSTALLOGRAPHY, NUCLEAR FISSION, HIMALAYAN GEOLOGY, AND SCIENCE INFORMATION. VINOGRADOV (NOTE SPELLING) ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION IN CRUSTAL STUDY OF THE KAVALI-UDIPI PROFILE WILL BE EXTENDED TO OFFSHORE AREAS.

6. THE USSR IS SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT FOR A GEOELECTRIC AND GEOMAGNETIC STATION BEING SET UP NEAR THE INDIAN MAGNETIC EQUATOR. SCHNEIDER
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